

5" AMMO
SHORTAGE

~~CNSF 5-Inch Ammo Reductions~~

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SUBJ/5-INCH AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS//

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NARR/REF A OUTLINED 5-INCH AMMUNITION INVENTORY STATUS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGING LIVE FIRE REQUIREMENTS. REF B IS SURFACE FORCE TRAINING MANUAL. REF C ESTABLISHED MK 45 LIGHT WEIGHT GUN MOUNT (LWGM) FIRING REPORT DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES. REF D IS FXP 3. REF E IS FXP 5 REV B. REF F IS CFFC ORDNANCE LOADOUT POLICY ISO FRP. REF G IS CNSF CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE MANAGEMENT MANUAL.//
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RMKS/1. CNSF IS AGGRESSIVELY LEVERAGING SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY TO CONSERVE OUR EXPENDITURE RATES AND MAXIMIZE THE TRAINING VALUE FOR EACH ROUND EXPENDED, THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES CAPITALIZE ON OUR INVESTMENT IN SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY. THESE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE 01OCT05.

2. REF B CHANGES

A. AW-12-SF SHALL BE CONDUCTED VIA SIMULATION ON AEGIS SHIPS.

B. SUW AND AW SFTM M-RATING CAPS OF M-2 NO LONGER APPLY FOR 5-INCH GUN MOUNTS. THE REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PACFIRES QUARTERLY IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT FOR 5-INCH GUNS. GUNS MUST STILL BE PACFIRED IAW PMS. GUN RELIABILITY WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED THROUGH CASREPS AND REPORTING SYSTEM OUTLINED IN REF C.

3. REF D CHANGES. THE FOLLOWING SUW-5-SF, SUW-7-SF, AND SUW-19-SF CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL SHIPS (76MM AND 5-INCH) TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPENDED FOR EACH EXERCISE:

A. SUW-5-SF SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS A NON-FIRING TRACKING EXERCISE, WITH A SIMULATED ENGAGEMENT.

B. SUW-7-SF.

1. DELETE STEP 4.C. OF FIRING PROCEDURES PHASE I. ONLY 3 ROUNDS WILL BE FIRED DURING PHASE 1.

2. DELETE STEP 4.C. OF FIRING PROCEDURES PHASE II. ONLY 3 ROUNDS WILL BE FIRED DURING PHASE 2.

3. DELETE STEP 2.B. OF FIRING PROCEDURES STEP III. ONLY 3 ROUNDS WILL BE FIRED DURING PHASE 3. TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED WILL BE 9 (NOT INCLUDING PACFIRE).

C. SUW-19-SF. FIRE ONE ROUND ONLY DURING THIS EXERCISE.

D. UPDATED FXP GRADESHEETS TO BE POSTED ON THE SURFOR SIPRNET WEBSITE NLT 01 OCT.

4. REF E CHANGES. A NEW PROCEDURE AND GRADESHEET HAVE BEEN DRAFTED FOR CONDUCTING FIREX EVENTS. THIS NEW PROCEDURE REPLACES THE FIREX I AND FIREX II AND SHALL BE USED FOR ALL NSFS INITIAL AND RE-QUALIFICATIONS. THE NEW PROCEDURE REDUCES THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ROUNDS TO ABOUT FORTY. THIS NEW PROCEDURE WILL BE POSTED ON THE SURFOR WEBSITE NLT 01 OCT.

5. BEYOND UNIT LEVEL TRAINING

A. INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINMENT (I&S) TRAINING. CNSF WILL GRANT NCEA FOR FXP EXERCISES DURING I&S TRAINING IF THE PARTICIPATING UNIT IS DUE TO COMPLETE THE EXERCISE PER SFTM PERIODICITY. CNSF WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ESG SPOTTER/SHOOTER INTEGRATION (ESG FIREX) EVENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

B. EWTGPAC HAS BEEN USING SIMULATION TO ENHANCE THE SPOTTER TRAINING CURRICULUM AND REDUCE THE LIVE FIRE REQUIREMENTS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. CNSF IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT SPOTTER SCHOOLHOUSE TRAINING AT CURRENT LEVELS.

C. FLEET EXERCISES. CNSF WILL GRANT NCEA FOR FLEET EXERCISES, WITHIN LIMITS. FIRST PRIORITY IS TO SATISFY ULT REQUIREMENTS.

6. NCEA MANAGEMENT

A. TO FACILITATE CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT AND PRIORITIZED EXPENDITURES, 5-INCH NCEA WILL ONLY BE AUTHORIZED FOR COMPLETION OF JUSTIFIED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. UPON COMPLETION OF EXERCISES, ALL UNEXPENDED NCEA WILL BE ROLLED BACK TO CNSF.

B. SHIPS HAVE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPER PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING CYCLE REQUIREMENTS. PROPER PLANNING IS REQUIRED TO REQUISITION APPROPRIATE NALC'S IAW ALL ACTIVE MORATORIA.

C. ALL NCEA AUGMENT REQUESTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED NLT 45 DAYS PRIOR TO EXERCISE. SUBMISSION TIMEFRAME ALLOWS FOR FLEETWIDE REDISTRIBUTION EFFORTS AND COORDINATION WITH CFFC ON AUGMENT REQUEST.

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THIS 45 DAYS DOES NOT INCLUDE LEAD TIMES REQUIRED FOR PROJECT CODE 876 REQUISITIONS.

D. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO COMPLY WITH REF F, PARA 4 - 6 AND REF G CHAPTER 1 ARTICLE 101 - 103.//

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